frequents barns, and is thus sometimes mistaken for the Common Mouse, from which, however, it is to be distinguished by its coloration and longer ears. The latter, *M. musculus,* is too familiar to need much description. A curious variety of it has occurred. This has a thickened and a folded skin like that of a Rhinoceros, and the hair has disappeared. The Black Hat, *M. rattus>* is like a large Mouse, and is. smaller and blacker in colour than the " Hanoverian Bat." It is sometimes called the " Old English Hat," but seems nevertheless to be not a truly indigenous Hodent. It has been so defeated by competition with the Hanoverian Hat that It is now not a common species in this country.

The Hanoverian or Brown Hat, *M. decuinanus,* is a larger and a browner animal than the last. It is very widely distributed through the globe, no doubt largely on account of the fact that it is readily transported by man. The same is the case with the Common Mouse, whose real origin must be a matter of doubt. The original home of the Brown Rat is thought by Dr. Blanford to be Mongolia. There is so far a justification for the name " Hanoverian Hat" that the animal seems to have reached this country about the year 17*28. But there is no reason for calling it, as is sometimes done, the Norway Hat.

Some members of this genus, whose fur is interspersed with spines, or which are quite spiny, have been separated as a genus, *Leggada,,* which, however, is not generally allowed.

Closely allied again is *Chiruromys,.* which has a strongly prehensile tail, a feature which is not common among the Myomorpha, though *Dendromys,* a tree-frequenting form, and 3fw5 *minwtus,* already spoken of, show the same character.
Many Mice seem to have prehensile tails, which they can curl round branches; but it is not so fully developed as an the species just named.

A number of other genera are referable to the true Mice, the sub-family Murinae of Thomas's classification. The Syrian and African *Acornys* has very spiny fur, so much so

that "when it has its spines erected it is almost indistinguishable at the first glance from a diminutive hedgehog." The genera *Crteetoinya, Mcdacomys, Lophwromys, SaecostomuA, Da&ymys* are restricted to the Ethiopian region. *JVesolcia* is Oriental, reaching